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[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/14/science/superfund-efforts-to-clean-waterways-come-with-a-risk.html?\\_r=1&emc=eta1](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/14/science/superfund-efforts-to-clean-waterways-come-with-a-risk.html?_r=1&emc=eta1)  
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[www.ourpassaic.org](http://www.ourpassaic.org)  
<http://www.epa.gov/region2>  
<http://blog.epa.gov/greeningtheapple/>

I am away all this week, but this seems off the mark for Joe Nardone. I don't know him as well as the others on this chain though. Debbie

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 15, 2012, at 12:34 PM, Dave Kluesner <Kluesner.Dave@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

The reader comments (below) to the article and blog appearing in the NY Times seems to be from Joe Nardone. I am not sure why Joe commented as he did. EPA submitted a response to Joe's comment this AM (see very bottom). Not posted yet, I would like to discuss this further.

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Joe P. New Jersey

I am a member of the community group that was charged by the EPA to oversee the cleanup of the dioxins in the Passaic River, but we were not given any community role in the recent Lindhurst token remediation. Why is the EPA seemingly stonewalling the community group that has oversight?

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Another reader comment from Joe P. was posted on the NY Times blog at  
<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/08/14/cleaning-a-river-that-was-given-up-for-dead/>

Joe P. New Jersey

A community group was formed two decades ago to oversee the cleanup of the Passaic River dioxins but the current EPA has not to this day notified us of its intentions or of the token cleanup at Lindhurst. Why?

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EPA Response:

In October 2009 the Passaic River Community Advisory Group was formed with assistance from EPA.

That group superseded the previous Passaic River community group which formed in 1994 and disbanded around 2001. The present day Passaic River Community Advisory group meets the second Thursday of the month unless noted otherwise. The meetings are held in Newark, although a meeting will be held in Lyndhurst this fall to discuss the River Mile 10.9 removal project. The public is encouraged to attend the group's monthly meetings. The Lyndhurst contaminated sediment removal project is discussed at each of their monthly meetings. Notices on the meetings are sent by EPA via a group email blast.

Information on the Passaic River cleanup projects and how to get on the email list is available at [www.ourpassaic.org](http://www.ourpassaic.org). Also, on May 9, 2012 EPA held public meetings in the Lyndhurst Town Hall Court Room to discuss the Lyndhurst removal project. Additional public meetings will be held this fall and in 2013 to ensure that the public is informed and has an opportunity to be involved in project decision making.

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